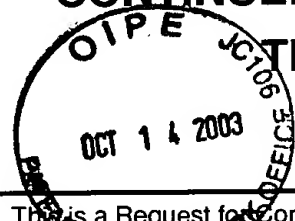


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. **Note:** 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on September 16, 2003

(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other:

b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

i. ☒ RCE fee of \$770 required under 37 CFR § 1.17

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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